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Adjustment of Exchange Rate Will Affect Kenya Non-Immigrant Visa Fees as of November 3, 2008

Nairobi, October XX, 2008 – On November 3, 2008, the fee in Kenyan Shillings to apply for non-immigrant visas will increase from 9,000 KSH to 10,500KSH. While the fee for non-immigrant visas, which was instituted on January 1, 2008, remains at \$131 USD worldwide, the increase in the fee in Kenya reflects recent shifts in the exchange rate between the U.S. Dollar and the Kenyan Shilling.

Application fees of 9,000 KSH paid prior to November 3, 2008 will be accepted until November 17, 2008. After November 17, all applicants will be required to have paid 10,500 KSH at the time of processing, regardless of the date of the original application.

Non-immigrant visas are for temporary visitors to enter the United States for tourist, business, and study purposes. Procedures for payment of visa fees in Kenya will not change: all applicants for non-immigrant visas to visit the United States, regardless of nationality, should pay the fee for each individual visa application at the Commercial Bank of Africa.

The Department of State is required by U.S. federal legislation to offset costs through fees charged for visa services. In its management of all consular services and operations, it is normal practice for the Department of State to adjust visa fees paid in foreign currency when there are significant changes to the corresponding exchange rates.

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